

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-14 and 15-39 have been examined. By this amendment, Applicants cancel claims 21 and 34-39 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 14, 17, 22 and 33. As a result, claims 1-14, 16-20 and 22-33 are pending for examination.

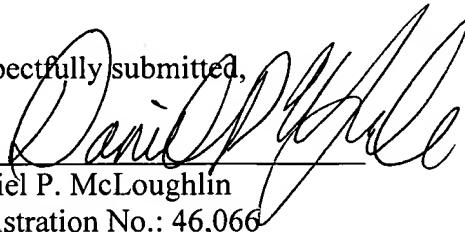
Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-4, 6-13 and 23-32, and the allowance of claims 21, 22, 33 and 34 if rewritten to include all the limitations from their respective base claims and intervening claims.

In response to the objection to claim 21, Applicants have amended base claim 17 to include all the of limitations of claim 21. In response to the objection to claim 22, Applicants have amended claim 22 to include all of the limitations of base claim 17. In response to the objection to claim 33, Applicants have amended claim 33 to include all of the limitations of base claim 14. In response to the objection to claim 34, Applicants have amended base claim 14 to include all of the limitations of claim 34.

In view of the above amendments, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance, and request that objections to claims 22 and 33 and the rejections of claims 14 and 16-20 be withdrawn.

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